

Public Law 98-163  
98th Congress

An Act

Nov. 22, 1983  
[H.R. 2910]

To amend the Act of November 2, 1966, regarding leases and contracts affecting land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation.

Salt River Pima-  
Maricopa Indian  
Reservation.  
Leases and  
contracts.  
25 USC 416a.  
25 USC 415.  
25 USC 81.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 of the Act of November 2, 1966 (80 Stat. 1112), is amended by adding a new subsection (c) as follows:

“(c) Any lease entered into under this Act or the Act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 539), as amended, or any contract entered into under section 2103 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, affecting land within the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Reservation may contain a provision for the binding arbitration of disputes arising out of such lease or contract. Such leases or contracts entered into pursuant to such Acts shall be considered within the meaning of ‘commerce’ as defined and subject to the provisions of section 1 of title 9, United States Code. Any refusal to submit to arbitration pursuant to a binding agreement for arbitration or the exercise of any right conferred by title 9 to abide by the outcome of arbitration pursuant to the provisions of chapter 1 of title 9, sections 1 through 14, United States Code, shall be deemed to be a civil action arising under the Constitution, laws or treaties of the United States within the meaning of section 1331 of title 28, United States Code.”.

Approved November 22, 1983.

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